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GOOD NATURED BADINAGE.

The Boston Post on the Visit of Liliuokalani.

A number of insignificant American papers have gone out of their way to insult Her Majesty Liliuokalani, now visiting the great (?) Republic. No notice should be taken to the comments of the majority of the prints of the United States. It is refreshing, however, to read the remarks of a leading Boston paper although assuming the nature of badinage. The Boston Post of Dec. 22nd says:

Ex-Queen Lydia Liliuokalani is enjoying her stay in the city, despite the fact that Boston, for many reasons, must ever be a melancholy spot for a Hawaiian holiday.

And those reasons can be easily comprehended when one looks back nine years and recalls the ex-Queen's first visit to Boston. She was then a "royal highness."

For a whole week she was the guest of the city, and it simply "laid itself out" to do her reverence. The crowd surged around her carriage and cheered lustily as she drove through the streets. The officials of the city and Commonwealth vied with each other in honoring her.

She was dined, feted, toasted, smothered in flowers and entertained from the moment of waking to the one of sleeping. It was a delicious week, royally conceived and royally carried out.

Then she left and the aftermath came. It came in the shape of a kick—a mighty one—over the bills, which were royal too. The committee had expended about \$18,000 against their royal visitors. The smothering in flowers act alone had cost \$4200. Half a dozen of the men who had been prominent in entertaining her had nice little orders in pretty red morocco cases, and large, crinkly parchments, signed "Kalakaua, Rex," which entitled them to be known as knights commanders of the order of the Kapiolani.

The public had had its fun and seen the show, so it was inclined to say "Hang the expense, put it all down to me," and the noise of the kickers gradually subsided.

THOSE DAYS AND THESE.
But, oh, what a difference between those days and these!

Her Majesty, as the ex-queen is known as far as the entrance of the Parker House, went to bed Saturday night with a half-formed intention to go to church in the morning. But when she awoke and caught sight of the frosty panes, she felt a yearning to be sitting on her front porch in Hawaii, clad in a diaphanous gown, with a minion or two beside her to manipulate palm leaf fans.

So she did exactly what probably half the people in Boston were doing at the same time, decided to skip church under the circumstances, and turned over for an ex-royal forty winks.

At 9 she breakfasted in her apartments where she remained during the morning, denying herself to all callers.

About noon a sleigh, something after the fashion of a coupe on runners, drew up before the door, followed by a double cutter. They had been sent by Mr. Armstrong of the Armstrong Transfer Company, who had arranged to give Queen Lil a sleigh ride and a sight of the snow-bound parks.

Hawaii, though long on flowers and sunshine, is short on snow. Queen Lil had never sat behind the jingling sleigh bells before yesterday morning.

She came down bundled up to the eyes in two or three sets of wraps and took her seat in the sleigh with a little anticipatory shiver. With her were Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong and Mr. William Lee, her old friend Captain Julius Palmer, who is acting as master of ceremonies and power behind the ex-throne, her secretary and attendant, followed in the cutter. Mr. Armstrong had made special provision to keep the tropical blood of his guest from congealing. She was thoroughly protected from

the winds, while the glass sides and front of the conveyance gave her an uninterrupted view of the streets. An electric heater tempered the air of the compartment and kept the royal feet warm.

LIL SAW THE SKATERS.

She was delighted with everything she saw on the snow-covered boulevards, and particularly pleased with the evolutions of the skaters on the ice at the reservoir. She voted sleighing "great fun" and was amused at being able to see the royal breath in the frosty air.

Still, she thought the cold too much of a good thing, and said that unless the winds were tempered to shorn queens she would cut her visit down to a week. Her devoted attendants hastened to assure her that the weather man would be seen at once and the thing arranged.

At Brookline she was welcomed to the home of Mrs. Lee, where the party lunched.

The return drive to the Parker House was without incident except to the chattering Hawaiians in the open cutter, whose shiverings shook the runners loose.

The party dined at Parker's, seeing no visitors, and at 8 o'clock went to the Boston theatre, where they occupied a box at the concert.

That is the simple, quiet way in which ex-Queen Lydia Liliuokalani is enjoying herself.

HOW THEY DID THINGS NINE YEARS AGO.

This is the way they did things for her when she came to Boston nine years ago as a royal highness.

On May 7, 1887, a white flag, emblazoned with a many-colored device, flew from the staff of the Parker House. The city was agog from end to end. At an early hour a vast crowd choked the approaches to the New England depot.

A live queen, Kapiolani, of Hawaii, and her livelier sister-in-law, Liliuokalani, a really and truly royal highness, were coming to town.

Jeffersonian simplicity! Bah! Boston would show them that she was in it with the effete cities of crumbling European monarchies when it came to pomp and ceremony.

A committee headed by Councilman W. B. F. Whall met the royal train at the Dudley street station. The royal party was welcomed to the city.

In it were included Lieutenant-General the Hon. John O. Dominis, the Hon. Curtis P. Iaukea, and Col. J. H. Boyd. Dignitaries were thick, colonels and captains cheap.

The crowd was dazzled and cheered itself hoarse. The royalties smiled and bowed.

"Hang the expense, give 'em the best," was the cry, and they had it. The party had magnificent quarters at Parker's, and later in the day received the greetings of Mayor O'Brien and Governor Ames there. This was Sunday.

The next day Mayor O'Brien gave a splendid luncheon at Parker's to the city's guests. About one hundred were present, including such celebrities as ex-Mayor Prince, Congressman Morse, four or five ex-Governors, Oliver Wendell Holmes, and W. D. were visited. There was another theatre party in the evening.

Tuesday was spent in sight-seeing; the public buildings, institutions, and forts were visited. There was another party in the evening.

On Wednesday the royal party went down to Wellesley, and in the evening attended a grand reception given by Governor Ames at his Commonwealth avenue residence.

Thursday the people had another chance. A great public reception was given at Mechanics Hall, to which 10,000 people were invited. The decorations, the music and the supper were superb. The 10,000 came, so did another 10,000 who stood without and cheered.

The next day there was a review of the school regiments, and the carriages containing the royalties were driven across the sacred ground of the Public Garden.

Saturday the party left the city, and the glow faded from Beacon Hill. There was nothing but a large jagged \$18,000 hole in the city treasury to show that they had been here.

Later, King Kalakaua knighted Governor Ames, Mayor O'Brien, President Donovan of the Board of Aldermen and Councilman Whall. They received those nice parchments and the pretty medals, with nice yellow and red ribbons attached, so that they could handily hang them on their chests.

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